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The Honorable Tommy Waters Chair and Presiding Officer and Members Honolulu City Council 530 South King Street, Room 202 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Waters:

SUBJECT: Feral Chicken Mitigation Update

We are providing an update to our letters dated January 3, 2023 and March 3, 2023, regarding the Department of Customer Services' on-going efforts to mitigate the feral chicken population on Oahu.

The Department of Customer Services (CSD) has entered into two separate master agreements with Terminix International Co., LP, dba Sandwich Isle Pest Solutions for feral chicken mitigation services. The first master agreement provides for capture and disposal services for feral chickens situated on City property across the island. Services began on June 19, 2023 and as of August 29, 2023, the vendor captured and disposed of 126 feral chickens at a total cost of \$10,083.76 or \$80.03 per chicken. The total cost of the contract is \$50,000.

The second master agreement has been executed and the vendor will commence services on September 5, 2023. Under this master agreement, private landowners may retain our vendor directly for certain subsidized feral chicken capture services, including cage rentals and disposal services. See below. The total cost of this contract is \$50,000.

Service	Total Price	Landowner's Cost	City's Cost
Full Service (one week)	\$475.00	\$375.00	\$100.00
Cage Rental (one week)	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$25.00
Feral Chicken Disposal	\$25.00 (per chicken)	\$10.00	\$15.00

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Finally, please note that CSD was invited to participate in a working group established via SCR No. 92/SR85 during the last legislative session. The goals of the working group are to research (1) ways to capture feral chickens; (2) options of what to do with the captured feral chickens; and (3) the associated costs involved. Other participants of this working group include personnel from Department of Agriculture; Department of Health; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Senate Ways and Means Committee; Senator Donna Mercado Kim; Senator Donovan Dela Cruz; Councilmember Tyler Dos Santos-Tam; and Councilmember Radiant Cordero.

The working group held its first meeting on August 17, 2023, and I have had another follow-up conversation with Senator Kim. At this time, the working group indicated that the State may be able to contribute funds to the City's master agreement for subsidized feral chicken mitigation services for landowners. Should this occur, the additional funding from the State could be used to further decrease the costs of services to the public.

If there are questions, please contact me at (808) 768-3392 or via email at khashiro@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

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